

# SALT LAKE GRAN CROP THREATENED.

## Drouth is Beginning to Burn It Up—Water is Very Scarce and Utah Lake Lower Than Ever Before.

The general public will no doubt be greatly surprised to learn that the grain crop of the Salt Lake valley, or fully 200,000 acres of it, is threatened by the drouth of the last few days, which is beginning to shrivel it up in an alarming manner.

The cause, of course, is the scarcity of water with which to irrigate. Much of the wheat is now "in the boot" and needs moisture very much to develop it. The coming in time unless there is a rainfall in the immediate future. The canals in the canals are very low and conditions are becoming exceedingly serious. The great source of supply—Utah Lake—is lower than ever before and the lake commissioners as well as the farmers are apprehensive of the results. Commissioner O. P. Miller, in a written statement to the "News" over his signature says:

"This is the official report of the lake measurements for the past month, and shows where the water was at the various dates as related to compromise level. As will be observed it was 12 1/2 inches below at the first reading given and is now much more than that. The readings are:

Date	Below
May 15	12 1/2 inches
May 22	14 1/2 inches
May 29	15 1/2 inches
June 5	16 1/2 inches
June 12	17 1/2 inches
June 19	18 1/2 inches

"The prospects are very discouraging for the farmers on the west side of the valley. Such a condition never has existed in the history of Utah lake. It may be necessary to have to close down all the mills on the river to save the wheat crop."

Coming from a man of Mr. Miller's known conservatism, such a statement

# RAILROAD MAN DIES.

## W. H. Meyers of Ogden the Victim of Stomach Trouble.

W. H. Meyers, an old railroad man, succumbed to acute stomach trouble yesterday afternoon at Thirteenth South and Eleventh East streets. Mr. Meyers came from Indiana and located in Ogden, where he has been a railroad employee for the past ten years. He had been troubled with his stomach for several months, and at last decided to try the country. But he received no relief from any source whatever. Undertaker A. S. Watson has the remains in charge, but the funeral will not be held until the arrival of or news from relatives in Indiana. Deceased was a member of the Maccabees at Ogden.

# BURLINGTON DEAL.

## Great Northern-Northern Pacific Mortgage to be Formally Executed.

Boston, June 20.—The directors of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy railroad held their regular monthly meeting here today, but aside from considering questions of private concern nothing was done, according to reports made at the close of the session. It is learned that the Great Northern-Northern Pacific mortgage covering the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy stock, probably will be formally executed within a few days.

# JEFFERY COMING.

## President of Rio Grande Western Leaves Denver for Utah.

Denver, Colo., June 20.—E. T. Jeffery, president of the Denver & Rio Grande and the Rio Grande Western, left last night for a tour of inspection of the latter road. He is accompanied by J. G. Metcalfe, general manager, and A. S. Hughes, chief engineer of the Denver & Rio Grande, and by Col. D. C. Dodge, vice president and general manager of the Rio Grande Western.

# Killed in a Railway Wreck.

Bluefield, W. Va., June 20.—A wreck occurred here on the Clinch Valley division of the Norfolk & Western railroad today and James Pruitt and Beverly Kinder were killed. The engine crept by jumping. The accident resulted from three cars jumping the track.

# Dewey Sees the President.

Washington, June 20.—Admiral Dewey called at the White House today to pay his respects and to inquire in regard to Mrs. McKinley's health. The admiral leaves on Wednesday for Newport, R. I., to attend a meeting of the general naval board, of which he is president. The admiral says the work of the board in preparing plans to meet the contingencies of possible war are very interesting.

# Bryan Favors Hanna.

Chicago, June 20.—W. J. Bryan, in a talk with Chicago newspapermen today, said:

"I am for Mark Hanna for the Republican candidate for President next year and hope the Republicans will nominate him, but I'm not sure I can control their convention."

"I think we should have a general staff in our navy," said the admiral. "I should regret to see the United States involved in another war, but if one should come I hope the work the naval board is doing may be of service in finding us prepared for it."

# Locomotive Boiler Explodes.

Kansas City, Mo., June 20.—The big Chicago & Alton locomotive pulling an incoming passenger train exploded at Blue City, fifteen miles from here, this morning. Engineer George Gerew was scalded to death and Fireman Lewis Crowley was burned severely.

# Cardinal Gibbons Goes to Florence.

Rome, June 20.—Cardinal Gibbons starts tomorrow for Florence, where he will spend a few days. Subsequently the cardinal will go to Dinan, Normandy, for a month's rest.

# Jessie Morrison's Trial.

Kansas City, Mo., June 20.—A special to the Star from Eldorado, Kansas, says:

Thus far the second trial of Jessie Morrison on the charge of murder is very much against her. The defense has not introduced evidence of any consequence to support its claim of self defense.

# SENATOR CLARK HERE NEXT WEEK.

## Meeting of Directors of San Pedro to be Held on 27th Inst.

# SHORT LINE POWERS MEET.

Vice President W. D. Cornish, Judge Kelly, Gen. Manager Bancroft and Atty. Williams meet today.

Hon. Perry S. Heath this morning received a wire from R. C. Kerens, first vice president of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake road, to the effect that he would leave St. Louis on Monday and arrive in this city on Wednesday, on which day he expected that Senator W. A. Clark would be in Salt Lake in order to attend the director's meeting which has now been set for Thursday, the 27th inst.

Vice presidents T. E. Gibbons, J. Ross Clark and possibly Secretary Harrison Miller are expected to arrive in this city late this afternoon from Los Angeles. Attorney C. D. Whittemore will also arrive from Los Angeles and by tonight or tomorrow morning. In addition to those named, G. B. Leighton, the late president of the Los Angeles branch, who has been elected by the San Pedro, and S. A. Remis, the head of the big St. Louis bag company, are expected to arrive in this city at the early part of next week.

# WILL PLAN CAMPAIGN.

As soon as the directors get together in the offices of the company in the Metcalfe building they will proceed to outline an active campaign for the immediate construction of the road through to southern California. At the present time there are half a dozen parties of surveyors on the field and it is expected that by next week the project of the Harriman interests are doing all they can to block the project of Senator Clark and his associates. Surveys are being run which will reach as far as the Clinch Valley division of the Norfolk & Western railroad today and James Pruitt and Beverly Kinder were killed. The engine crept by jumping. The accident resulted from three cars jumping the track.

# CORNISH IS RETICENT.

Judge W. D. Cornish, vice president of the Oregon Short Line, Utah Pacific and Alton roads, arrived in town accompanied by Judge W. R. Kelly, the general counsel for the Union Pacific. These gentlemen have been closeted with General Manager Bancroft and Attorney Farley L. Kelly, the general counsel for the Oregon Short Line for several hours this morning and afternoon. They have been discussing the outlook and plans for the building of the road through to Nevada. A complaint was taken against J. G. Foster that he should be tormented until he consented that all saints leave the place."

# PENN'S CREW AT RENLEY.

They created a favorable impression as they row.

Renley, England, June 20.—The crewmen from the University of Pennsylvania were up early this morning. They were delighted with their quarters at the five houses. The crewmen were very polite and friendly. They were very much interested in the picture show. The crewmen were very much interested in the picture show. The crewmen were very much interested in the picture show.

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# THE LYNCHING AT SHREVEPORT.

## Lame Attempt That Was Made at Its Justification.

# WHITES NEED PROTECTION.

Alleged Evidence Implicating Smith and McLand-History of Their Religious Organization.

New Orleans, June 20.—The lynching of the two negroes last night near Shreveport created a sensation today as with the excitement dying out it was thought their lives would be spared at least until the capture of Prince Edwards, who killed J. G. Foster on the Foster plantation.

A special from Shreveport, however, clearly establishing the guilt of Smith and McLand as enemies to the whites and dangerous elements to be left at large among the negroes, and that the people of Bossier regarded their execution as essential to the preservation of order in the community.

# Struck at Crown Prince's Carriage.

Berlin, June 20.—While the crown prince Frederick William was on his way from Minder to Bonn, a drunken individual, approached his carriage at Bochum, westphalia, yesterday, and aimed a blow with a stick at the window at which the crown prince was seated. The individual, who described himself as a clerk, was arrested. He said he merely desired to see the crown prince more clearly.

# COLOMBIAN REVOLUTION.

All Stamped Save Few Guerrilla Bands.

Washington, June 20.—Dr. Martinez Silveira, the minister from Colombia, has received dispatches from the capital of Colombia which he regards as setting at rest the reports the Colombian revolutionists are again in strong force around Panama. The minister's dispatches state that the revolution is actually at an end and the bands around Panama are treated as a part of the guerrilla movement.

# TO DIVERT THE GUNNISON.

Surveying Parties Begin Work in the Gunnison River Valley.

Washington, June 20.—Acting under the general direction of Chief Hydrographer George Newell, surveying parties have just begun work in the Gunnison river valley in western Colorado near Montrose, which looks to diverting the river by means of a great tunnel through a mountain range in the vicinity of the town of Montrose. The surveying parties have just begun work in the Gunnison river valley in western Colorado near Montrose, which looks to diverting the river by means of a great tunnel through a mountain range in the vicinity of the town of Montrose.

# Verdict for \$10,000.

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# Gold Shipments From Klondike.

Seattle, Wash., June 20.—The first gold shipments of the season are now on the way from the Klondike. Some aggregating \$1,500,000 were started from Dawson on June 14 on the river steamer "The Star." The shipments are being sent to the Klondike. The shipments are being sent to the Klondike.

# Monument to the Great Elector.

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New York, June 20.—The body of Gen. Charles G. Bartlett, one of the victims of the sinking of the torpedo boat "The Star," was found today in the East river. A gold watch, which had stopped at 6:30 o'clock, was found on the body. The body was found in the East river. The body was found in the East river.

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# BIG FIRE IN ST. LOUIS.

Starts in a Saddlery Store, Damage Being \$200,000.

St. Louis, Mo., June 20.—Fire which originated in the establishment of the J. K. Sikes Saddlery company, at the southwest corner of Twenty-first street and Washington avenue, early this morning, consumed property and stock valued at almost \$200,000. The loss is partially covered by insurance. The burning firm was the J. K. Sikes Saddlery company, the Lambert carriage company, and several other concerns of minor importance.

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